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501/14, six minesweeping pinnaces 508/1 through 508/6 and two lighters 505/1 and 505/2 were included in the 1953-building program of the Thaelmann Shipyard in Brandenburg. The five seagoing tugs, which were scheduled to be completed by 25 April 1953, and the twenty seagoing tugs had to be delivered to the USSR. The hull construction of the seiners and the seagoing tugs differed in that the latter were welded. The minesweeping pinnaces had skin plates, 4 mm thick, were powered by two 150 200 hp Buckau-Wolf-type Diesel engines and were fitted with a starter, an electric compressor, a fire pump and large cable loops and were each equipped with a spraying system and a smoke-screen plant.¹

2. The two lighters were scheduled to be built at the B Plant of the Thaelmann Shipyard in Plaue on the Havel River. They were 35 to 40 meters long, had a beam of 6 or 7 meters and were powered by a 300 to 400-hp Buckau-Wolf-type Diesel engine.
3. The Thaelmann Shipyard was short of materials. Galvanized seamless tubes and fittings were the chief bottlenecks. Government officials several times helped procure material for vessels to be built for the USSR.

25X1A 1. Comment. Cable loops seem to be another term for degaussing equipment. The spraying plant probably is for the ammo rooms of the sweeping pinnaces.

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